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SUBJECT:OIL CARGO PREFERENCE

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1. BRITISH EMBASSY JULY 22 DELIVERED FOLLOWING LETTER
SIGNED BY CHARGE MORETON TO UNDERSECRETARY COOPER:
QUOTE:

DEAR MR. UNDER SECRETARY:

I AM WRITING TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND REFER TO THE ORAL COMMUNICATION MADE BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON, DC ON 7 JULY, ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO SUPPORT A MODIFIED FORM OF OIL IMPORTS CARGO RESERVATION FOR COMMERCIAL CARGOES, AND STATE THEIR FURTHER VIEWS AS FOLLOWS,

THE ATTITUDE OF THE ELEVEN GOVERNMENTS IN THIS MATTER IS ALREADY WELL KNOWN TO THE US AUTHORITIES. THE DECISION, IF ADOPTED, IS LIKELY TO HAVE FAR-REACHING AND DELETERIOUS

CONSEQUENCES AND MOREOVER REPRESENTS A FURTHER MOVE BY THE US IN THE DIRECTION OF PROTECTIONIST SHIPPING POLICIES. THE ABOVE NAMED GOVERNMENTS THEREFORE WISH TO RECORD THEIR STRONG REGRET AT A DECISION WHICH THEY BELIEVE WILL, IF ADOPTED, SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER STATES, AND MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPREAD OF RESERVED CARGO SHARES IN BOTH WET AND DRY BULK CARGO THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE GOVERNMENTS REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TAKES NOTE OF THESE VIEWS WHICH ARE THEIR CON-

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SIDERED OPINION ON A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE TO THEM.

SINCERELY,
JOHN MORETON
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE WHICH THESE ELEVEN GOVERNMENTS HAVE LONG SAID THEY PLACED ON CARGO PREFERENCE, DEPARTMENT, AT REQUEST OF "COTTON CLUB" (ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON EMBASSY SHIPPING OFFICERS) CHAIRMAN, HAD ARRANGED FOR AMBASSADORS AND SENIOR EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL PERSONALLY ON UNDERSECRETARY COOPER DURING MORNING OF JULY 22, TO PRESENT NOTE AND UNDERScore CONCERN ORALLY. HOWEVER, ON JULY 21, COTTON CLUB CHAIRMAN INFORMED EB/MA THAT NONE OF ELEVEN AMBASSADORS WERE AVAILABLE (ALTHOUGH A NUMBER WERE PRESENT IN WASHINGTON); AND THEREFORE PERSONAL CALL ON COOPER WAS CANCELLED AND MORETON LETTER DELIVERED BY BRITISH EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY. VANCE

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